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Drinking Water Director Recognized as a 'Friend of Rural Water'

SALT LAKE CITY — The Rural Water Association of Utah recently awarded Utah Division of Drinking Water (DDW) Director Ken Bousfield with the 'Friend of Rural Water Award' for his service to helping small water systems make improvements or comply with state and federal drinking water standards.

"I'm delighted and honored to receive this award," said Bousfield. "I value the partnership we have with our rural water systems to ensure our water is safe for drinking."

For 38 years at DDW, Bousfield has helped small water systems in many ways. As compliance manager he was responsible for ensuring water systems complied with state and federal drinking standards, such as lowered limits on arsenic and lead in drinking water supplies. As director of DDW since 2006, Bousfield provides oversight on the state and federal loan programs which assists financially-strapped water systems in complying with tougher drinking water standards.

"Throughout his tenure with the Division, but especially during the time he was in charge of the compliance section and his time as Director, Ken has been a great help and friend to rural water systems and to our Association," said Dale Pierson, executive director of the Rural Water Association of Utah. "The relationship between the Division of Drinking Water and the Rural Water Association of Utah is one that is used as an example nationwide to show how a primacy agency and a rural water association should work together. It is Ken's leadership at the Division that in large part makes that relationship work for our benefit."

Bousfield received a bachelor's degree in engineering sciences from Brigham Young University. He is a registered professional engineer in the state and life member of the American Water Works Association. Ken has published in the Association's Journal and other trade journals. He lives in Sandy with his wife, Gail, of 43 years. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

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